Sl.No.	Name of Circle	No. of village without letter boxes
14.	Orissa	32127 *
15.	Punjab	1676
	Chandigarh	—
16.	Rajasthan	17310
17.	Tamil Nadu	1793
	Pondicherry	62
18.	Uttar Pradesh	51155 *
19.	West Bengal	5011 *
	Sikkim	239 *
	Andaman & Nicobar	27 *
	TOTAL:	254910

* As on 31.3.94

Constructing Buildings for Post and Telegraph Offices

1668. DR. RANBIR SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Post Offices as on date working in rented buildings in Delhi and Uttar Pradesh giving the details thereof; and

(b) the steps taken by Government to contract its own buildings to house the Post Offices, Telegraph Offices and Telephone Offices in a unified complex?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) The No. of departmental Post Offices functioning in rented buildings in Delhi and Uttar Pradesh Postal Circles is 327 and 2596 respectively. Details are given in the annexed statement. (*See* below)

(b) At present, there is no scheme to construct unified complexes for Post Offices, Telegraph Offices and Telephone Offices.

Statement

Details regarding Post Offices functioning in Rented Buildings in Delhi and Uttar Pradesh

Postal Circle	Total No. of Departmental Post Offices	Departmental Post Offices Functioning in Departmental Buildings	Departmental Post Offices in Rented Buildings
Delhi	4182	91	327
Uttar Pradesh	2910	314	2596

Payment to Foreign Technicians working in Celullar Services

1669. SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether payment for services of foreign technician deputed by foreign partners of Cellular Licences is considered as royalty;

(b) if so, treatment proposed in respect of payments already effected by existing Licences in view of Government's decision not to allow royalty payments to such Licencees; and

(c) if not, the details of foreign technicians engaged by such Licencees including total mandays, per diem rates and forex outgo for the duration of the licence?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) RBI has granted general permission for payments to foreign technicians under Foreign Exchange Regulation Act (FERA) vide their Circular dated 13th September, 1991 as amended from time to time. No record is, therefore, maintained in the Deptt. of Telecom. in this respect.

Investment by Foreign Cellular Licences

1670. SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether foreign partners in existing Cellular Licences are permitted to route their approved investments through wholly owned subsidiaries incorporated abroad;

(b) if so, the details of all such investments approved so far including equity structure of the investment company/subsidiary and the incorporation particulars thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to ensure that the originally approved foreign partners' stake is not clandestinely sold off/transferred through such transactions in violation of the licence terms and conditions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) The foreign partners in the existing cellular licences for metro cities of Bombay, Calcutta, Delhi and Madras have already been approved. Proposals for change in the approved partners/promoters including proposals for routing foreign investment through subsidiary companies are considered by the Government on case to case basis.

(b) Details of approved investments including the equity structure and the names of Indian/Foreign companies in respect of existing Cellular Licencees is given in the annexed statement. (*See* below)

(c) As per the condition of the licence, no change in the Indian or Foreign Partners/ Promoters or their equity participation shall be made without the prior approval of the Telegraph Authority. The Indian and Foreign Partners/Promoters and their equity participation in the licencee company have been recorded in the licence.

Statement

Details of Investments approved in respect of Cellular Mobile Services for Metro Cities

Sl. No.	Name of the Company	Name of Foreign Partner/ Promoters (As Approved)	Foreign Equity % Value (Rs. Crores)
Licencees for Bombay			
1.	BPL Systems and Projects Ltd. Bangalore.	France Telecom, France Meccaw Cellular, USA LCC. INC. USA	49% Rs 51.94 Crs.
2.	Hutchison Max Telecom Pvt. Ltd. New Delhi.	Hutchison Telecom Ltd. Hongkong	49% Rs. 49 Crs.
Licences for Calcutta			
3.	Modi Telstra Pvt. Ltd. New Delhi	Telstra International Limited, Australia	49% Rs. 19.60 Crs.
4.	Usha Martin Telekom Ltd., Calcutta	Telekom Malaysia Berhad Malaysia	49% Rs. 29.40 Crs.
Licencees for Delhi			
5.	Sterling Cellular Ltd. Madras	Cellular Communications International, USA	49% Rs. 14.70 Crs.
6.	Bharati Cellular Ltd. New Delhi	Emtel Ltd., Mauritius Mobile Systems, International, U.K. General Mobile Company Ltd. U.K.	49% Rs. 29.40 Crs.
Licencees for Madras			
7.	Skycell Communications Ltd., New Delhi	Bellsouth International (Asia/Pacific) Inc, USA Millicom International Cellular SA, Luxemborg	49% Rs. 478.63 Crs.
8.	Mobile Telecom Services Ltd. New Delhi.	Vodafone Group PLC U.K.	40% Rs. 20 Crs.

Modernisation and Development of Postal Network

1671. SHRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is poor coordination between "financial planning' and physical targets in the department of posts;

(b) if so, what is being done to bring in better coordination between the two; and

(c) whether ten years perspective planning